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MINUTES
Board Meeting
October 28, 2022

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry held its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, October 28, 2022. The following Board members were in attendance at the meeting: Dr. Jeffrey Dull (Board Chair attending virtually), Dr. Maurice Wainwright (Vice Chair presiding), Dr. Robson Araujo (Secretary/Treasurer), Dr. Paul Ciavarelli (member), Dr. Angela Hampton (member) and Dr. Johnnie Alston (member). Board member absent was Dr. Michael Hames (member). The meeting was held at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama and others attending were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Brad Chynoweth (Assistant Attorney General), Mr. Ben Seiss (Assistant Attorney General), Mr. Mike James (Investigator), Ms. Karen Harlow (Legal Assistant) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). The meeting was called to order by Dr. Wainwright, Board Vice Chairman, at 2:04 p.m. Mr. Warren called Board roll and indicated that a quorum of the members was present to conduct business.

Public Notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was submitted and published on the Secretary of State website at www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act, and posted on the Board's website at www.podiatryboard.alabama.gov.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Wainwright presented the July 15, 2022, Board meeting minutes for the Board's approval. A copy of the minutes was distributed to the members prior to the meeting for their review. Dr. Hampton made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ciavarelli and unanimously approved by the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director Report, which included financial information for the period ending September 30, 2022. He also reported on the current number of licensees (#160), commenting that the late renewals period was opened through October 31, 2022. He reported on inactive and retired licensees as of October 28, 2022. He also reported on the status of complaints received in FY 2022, indicating that six complaints had been received. Dr. Araujo made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hampton and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Warren presented the Administrator's Report on activities performed by the staff since the last Board meeting held in July (report filed in the Board's Official Book of Minutes).

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Chynoweth, Assistant Chief Deputy of the Civil Division of the Attorney General's Office, introduced Mr. Ben Seiss as the Board's new legal counsel. Mr. Warren reported that Mr. Seiss would be reporting on pending complaint cases at the next meeting. The members welcomed Mr. Seiss as the Board's legal counsel.

OTHER BUSINESS

Final Rule – Fees (730-X-3-.10): Mr. Warren presented proposed Rule 730-X-3-.10 Fees that was published for public comments. He indicated that no comments had been received. Dr. Araujo made the motion to approve final rule 730-X-3-.10 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ciavarelli and unanimously approved by the Board.

Final Rule – Application for Spouses of Active Duty Military Personnel: Mr. Warren presented the proposed new rule concerning Application for Spouses of Activity Duty Personnel published for public comment. He reported that no comments were received. Dr. Araujo made the motion to approve final rule 730-X-13 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ciavarelli and unanimously approved by the Board.

Update on Board Terms: Mr. Warren reported that he had contacted two candidates about their interest to serve on the Board regarding Dr. Hampton's term that had expired in May 2021. He thanked Dr. Hampton for continuing to serve until the new Board member appointment was made by Governor Ivey.

Update on 2023 Proposed Legislation: Dr. Dull reported that he had not received an update from the Association on the proposed 2023 legislation and had no additional information to report on legislation.

Dr. Dull reported on an inquiry from a wound care center and Mr. Warren reminded the Board of a prior Advisory Opinion by the Board concerning hyperbaric oxygen chamber for foot wound care.

2023 Proposed Board Meeting Calendar: Mr. Warren presented a list of dates for the Board to meet in 2023. Dr. Araujo made the motion to approve the following Board meeting dates: January 20, April 21, July 14 and October 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hampton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Election of Officers: Mr. Warren reported that annual election of Board officers was due. Dr. Alton made the motion that the slate of Board officers remain the same, with Dr. Dull as Board Chair, Dr. Wainwright as Board Vice Chair and Dr. Araujo as Board Secretary-Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hampton and unanimously approved by the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Wainwright called for other business and announcements and there were none.

Next Board Meeting: Dr. Wainwright reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled January 20, 2023.

Adjournment: Dr. Araujo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alton and unanimously approved by the Board. Dr. Wainwright adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Maurice Wainwright
Board Vice Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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